REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Claims 19-46, 49-50, and 61-68 are currently pending in the application. No claims stand allowed. Claims 19, 32, and 61 have been amended. New claims 67 and 68 have been added. Claims 47 and 48 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments may be found in the specification at, for example, page 18, lines 1 – 15 and page 29, line 30 – page 30, line 5.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations herein are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 19-22, 24, 26-32, 40-41, 44, 47-50, 61, and 63-66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Joshi (U.S. Patent 6,939,226). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As understood, Joshi does not describe or suggest a gaming machine comprising a first combination of game software components including game system components, wherein the game system components comprise software modules used to provide system functions on the gaming machine, as recited in claim 19. Further, Joshi does not describe or suggest combining game software components from said first combination, including the game system components, with game software components received from a remote server to generate a second combination of software components including the game system components, the second game graphics, and the second game sounds as recited in claim 19. Rather, Joshi discloses that "audio and visual elements can be displayed in unison as a function of the time." Joshi also describes "displaying a plurality of standard visual elements, monitoring real time, and displaying a plurality of modified visual elements in response to the real time being a predetermined time." Joshi, col. 2, lines 14-22. Joshi's description of displaying standard and modified visual and/or audio elements does

not describe or suggest combining game software components from a first combination, including game system components that comprise software modules used to provide system functions, with game software components received from a remote server, including second game graphics and sounds, to generate a second combination of game software components including the game system components and the second game graphics and sounds, wherein the second combination is used to present a game on the gaming machine, as recited in claim 19.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Joshi does not describe or suggest at least the aforementioned features of claim 19, and the rejection of claim 19 should be withdrawn.

As understood, Joshi does not describe or suggest a method in a remote server of modifying game play on gaming machines, the method comprising checking at least one update trigger, wherein the at least one update trigger comprises a game event, a game performance event, a player input, or a combination thereof, as recited in claim 32. Further, Joshi does not describe or suggest the feature of when the configuration update has been triggered, identifying one or more game software components for the configuration update on the gaming machine that enable a second game to be played on the gaming machine. Rather, Joshi describes that "[t]he processor selects one of at least two data sets in response to the processor monitoring a time signal corresponding to a predetermined time." Joshi, col. 1, lines 62-64. Joshi's description of selecting a data set in response to a time signal, e.g., at a particular time, does not describe or suggest identifying game software components for a configuration update when the configuration update has been triggered, where the trigger comprises a game event, a game performance event, a player input, or a combination thereof.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Joshi does not describe or suggest at least the aforementioned features of claim 32, and the rejection of claim 32 should be withdrawn.

Claim 61 has been amended similarly to claim 19 and is therefore believed to be patentable over Joshi for at least the reasons given above for claim 19.

Claims 20-31 and 68 depend from independent claim 19, claims 33-46 and 49-50 depend from independent claim 32, and claims 62-67 depend from independent claim 61. When the recitations of claims 20-31 and 68 are considered in combination with the recitations of claim 19, the recitations of claims 33-46 and 49-50 are considered in combination with the recitations of

claim 32, and the recitations of claims 62-67 are considered in combination with the recitations of claim 61, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 20-31 and 68, 33-46 and 49-50, and 62-67, respectively, are also patentable over Joshi.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

The claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) each depend from one of claims 19, 32, and 61. The references cited under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are not cited to cure the deficiencies of Joshi identified above, and the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are therefore patentable over Joshi and the cited references, considered alone or in combination.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees, which may be required or credit any overpayment directly to the account of the undersigned, No. 50-4480 (Order No. IGT1P042D1).

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